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REMARKS

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P - flatcar SSy - Heavy-duty Flatcar R Rym - Heavy-Duty Flatcar

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1. troop trains in the Dresden railroad district  
in May 1954:

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Date in Number of  
May Cars

From

To

5	6 cars	Adorf	Rueckmarsdorf	25X1
1	5 cars	Annaberg	"	25X1
2	30 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Dresden	Bautzen	
2	14 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Dresden-Neustadt	Rossau	25X1
3	5 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Dresden-Neustadt	Koenigsbrueck	25X1
	12 SSy with tanks			
	5 cars with soldiers and vehicles and 12 SSy	Dresden-Neustadt	"	4 25X1
	3 cars, 11 SSy with soldiers and vehicles	Dresden-Neustadt	"	4 25X1
	6 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Dresden-Neustadt	"	25X1
	13 SSy with tanks			

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3	30 cars with soldiers and vehicles, 1 SSy with tanks	Dresden-Neustadt	Koenigsbrueck
25	10 cars	Eibenstock	Ruedmarsdorf
2	1 car with soldiers, 2 RRym with tanks	Glauchau	Haldensleben
6	7 cars, 4 SSy	Johanngeorgenstadt	Chemnitz
5	7 cars with soldiers, 4 SSy with vehicles	Chemnitz	Johanngeorgenstadt
2	8 cars with soldiers and vehicles, 12 SSy with tanks	Leisnig	Schwebnitz
	8 cars with soldiers and vehicles, 12 SSy with tanks	"	"
3	24 cars with soldiers and personnel	"	"
	7 cars with soldiers and personnel, 12 SSy with tanks	"	"
4	7 cars with soldiers and personnel, 9 SSy with tanks	"	"
	35 cars with soldiers and vehicles	"	"
	39 cars with soldiers and vehicles	"	"
2 to 4	28 cars with soldiers and vehicles and 30 RRym	Meissen	Koenigsbrueck

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25	6 cars with soldiers and personnel	Meissen	Crawinkel
13	6 RRym with tanks	"	Schwebnitz
5	11 cars with soldiers and personnel	Plauen	Altengrabow
	6 cars	Bad Brambach	Rueckmarsdorf

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2. [ ] troop trains in the Erfurt railroad district in May: [ ]

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Date in May	Number of Cars	From	To
31	33 cars	Eisenach	Naumburg
	10 cars	Gotha	Eisenach
3	83 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Jena	Crawinkel
4	42 cars, 5 RRym with soldiers and vehicles	"	Georgenthal
	9 cars, 3 RRym with soldiers and vehicles	"	Crawinkel
	14 cars, 10 RRym with soldiers and vehicles	"	"
	38 cars with soldiers and vehicles	"	"
	30 cars, 7 RRym with soldiers and vehicles	"	"
	16 cars, 8 RRym with soldiers and vehicles	"	"
5	29 cars with soldiers and vehicles	"	Georgenthal
	19 cars, 11 RRym with soldiers and vehicles	"	Crawinkel

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2	7 cars	Weimar	Rossau	15
3	101 cars with " soldiers and vehicles		Aken	15
7	105 cars, 17 F with soldiers and vehicles	"	Georgenthal	25X1
5	12 RRys with soldiers and vehicles	"	<del>Georgenthal</del> Altengrabow	
24	12 cars with soldiers and vehicles	"	Crawinkel	
25	9 cars with soldiers and vehicles	"	Kroepelin	
3	71 cars, 26 RRys with soldiers and vehicles	Weissenfels	Eisenach	
.3/4	111 cars with Zeits soldiers and vehicles, 20 RRys with tanks		Ohrdruf	
4	33 cars with soldiers and vehicles	"	Georgenthal	

1. Comment. These troop trains which came from locations along the zonal border indicate that elements of the 19th Gds Mech Regt of the 8th Gds Mech Div from Leipzig-Schoenau are employed as border guard in the Oelsnitz-Johanngeorgenstadt sector. The trains probably carried relief details. This assumption is supported by observations which indicate that during the winter, the occupation of the Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was below the strength expected there on the basis of the units carried at the installation. 25X1
2. Comment. Since an engineer unit from Dresden was observed at the former court building on Lessing Strasse in Bautzen on 28 May 1956, engineer troops of the First Gds Mech Army possibly held field exercises on the Spree River or were employed for special construction work. The troop train could also have carried an MVD unit. 25X1
3. Comment. The troop train probably carried an engineer detail of the First Gds Mech Army. On 1 May, an engineer detail of the 1st Mech Div was also detached to Rossau for 10 days. 25X1

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4. [ ] The troop trains which carried tank units of the 11th Gds Tk Div have been previously observed. [ ]  
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5. [ ] Comment. The troop train probably carried a tank firing detail of the 220th Hvy Tk SP Regt. 25X1
6. [ ] Comment. The troop trains probably belonged to a rotation movement of AAA units of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US) which were employed in the Uranium Mining Area. 25X1
7. [ ] Comment. The troop trains which carried components of the 8th Gds Mech Div from Leisnig to the Schwepnitz summer camp near Koenigsbrueck have been previously observed. 25X1
8. [ ] Comment. The troop trains to Koenigsbrueck carried a tank regiment from Meissen. 25X1
9. [ ] Comment. The troop trains probably carried firing details of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The detail from Plauen possibly returned on 5 June 1954. 25X1
10. [ ] Comment. Except for the train from Naumburg to Gotha, the troop trains carried components of the 58th Gds Mts Rifle Div to the Kindel troop training grounds. The troop trains [ ]  
also carried elements of the 17th Gds Tk SP Regt from Weissenfels to Kindel. 25X1  
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11. [ ] Comment. The movement of the 20th Mech Div to the Ohrdruf troop training grounds included 22 troop trains. Entraining at various posts was previously observed. The information indicates that the bulk of the division again moved to its summer camp at Crawinkel, while most of the artillery, mortar and rocket launcher units transferred to the Georgenthal area as they have in preceding years. 25X1
12. [ ] Comment. The unloading of the troop train which belonged to the 88th Gds Engr Bn of the 20th Gds Mech Div was previously observed. The entraining of the battalion at Dessau on 29 June 1954 and probable return to its home station indicate that the unit stayed in the Dessau-Aken training area for six weeks only. 25X1
13. [ ] Comment. The four troop trains probably belonged to the 498th AAA Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. On and after 20 March 1954, other elements of the regiment also conducted AAA Firing practices at Wustrow and returned to their home station on 14 and 16 June 1954. 25X1
14. [ ] Comment. The troop train probably carried the 880th Engr Bn of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps to Dessau-Aken. 25X1
15. [ ] Comment. The entraining of the 19th Indep Gds Engr Bn of the Eighth Gds Army at Weimar-Buchenwalde [ ] and its unloading at Dessau-Aken were previously observed. 25X1  
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16. [ ] Comment. The troop train probably carried light AA guns of the 13th AAA Div to Altengrabow for firing practices. 25X1
17. [ ] Comment. Since a troop train with an AAA unit of the 13th AAA Div went to Wustrow on 11 June 1954, the train on 25 May 1954 probably carried an advance detail or equipment. 25X1

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